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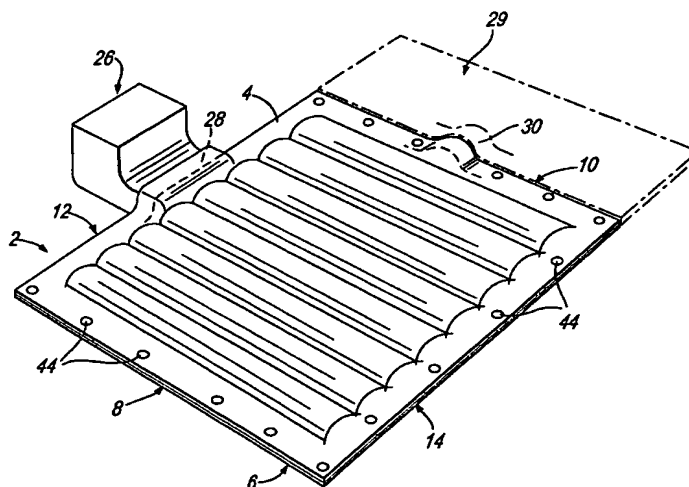
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(57) Abstract: The invention provides a drying device for use in drying carpets, rugs after flooding or cleaning by a wet process. In addition, the drying device may be utilised for drying the fabric of dwelling, viz, the floors, walls, ceilings and under floor cavities after flooding. To these ends, the drying device, in one format is made up of opposed sheets (4, 6) of flexible material, e.g. plastic sheeting, co joined along peripheral edge portions (8, 10, 12, 14), one, or both, sheets being provided with a multiplicity of small apertures (24) over the whole, or substantially the whole area thereof. The sheets (4, 6) are joined internally by apertured webs (18) extending along the drying device to form channels (20) between the sheets. Provision is made along the peripheral edge portions (8, 10, 12, 14) of the sheets (4, 6) to attach at least one air blower (26) and to attach further drying devices (2a, 2b) using a connector means (30, 38). The air blower(s) (26) may supply drying air at ambient temperature, or heated to approx. 85°, depending upon the drying requirements.

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